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## API-PA hires Jonathan Lutz as Associate Director

HARRISBURG, Pa., November 6, 2017 – Associated Petroleum Industries of Pennsylvania (API-PA) Executive Director Stephanie Catarino Wissman today announced Jonathan Lutz as the new Associate Director for API's division in Pennsylvania.

"Lutz' experience supporting the commonwealth's conservation efforts, environmental stewardship, and energy growth is critical for Pennsylvania at a key moment for local and state energy policy discussions," said Wissman. "API-PA will continue to promote the benefits from greater use of natural gas in power generation, manufacturing, commercial and residential markets, as well as continued environmental protection, sound engineering, and safe operating practices. These successes that have positioned the commonwealth as a leading force in America's energy renaissance have also provided an economic lifeline adding to Pennsylvania's economy and access to reliable energy sources."

Lutz previously served as executive director for the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives where he participated in all aspects of the Department of Environmental Protection and Environmental Quality Board's regulatory process. He also worked as a research analyst for the committee, where he analyzed legislation and prepared reports for caucus review. He received his bachelor's degree at Lebanon Valley College and earned his Master's degree in Political Science at East Stroudsburg University.

"The commonwealth is gifted with hard workers, valuable natural resources and forward-thinking state leaders who see the importance of energy development for job growth and a stronger economy," said Lutz. "For the better part of a decade, this combination has allowed the state of Pennsylvania to become a natural gas production powerhouse, providing 85 percent of U.S. shale gas production growth since 2012. Another key step for fulfilling the promise of Pennsylvania's energy economy is additional pipeline infrastructure — sharing more clean-burning natural gas and continuing to substantially cut greenhouse gas emissions for our planet while providing the reliable and affordable power America needs."

API-PA is a division of API, which represents all segments of America's oil and natural gas industry. Its more than 625 members include large integrated companies, as well as exploration and production, refining, marketing, pipeline, and marine businesses, and service and supply firms. They provide most of the nation's energy and are backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 40 million Americans.